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AUGUST 1 CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

Charleston, West Virginia – All other hay production (excluding alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures) is forecast at 1,054,000 tons, down 26,000 tons from 2014. The area harvested is expected to total 620,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 1.70 tons, down 0.10 tons from 2014.

Based on August 1 conditions, **apple** production is forecast at 90.0 million pounds, up 8 million pounds from 2014.

Based on August 1 conditions, **peach** production is forecast at 5,700 tons (11.4 million pounds). The forecast is up 340 tons (0.68 million pounds) from the 2014 crop.

UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1, 2015 FORECAST, WITH 2014 COMPARISONS

- Corn for grain production - 13.69 billion bushels, down 4 percent.
- Corn yield - 168.8 bushels per acre, down 2.2 bushels.
- Oats production - 85.46 million bushels, up 23 percent.
- Winter wheat production - 1.44 billion bushels, up 4 percent.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures hay production - 62.09 million tons, up 1 percent.
- All other hay production - 80.01 million tons, up 2 percent.
- All tobacco production - 717.34 million pounds, down 18 percent.
- Burley tobacco production - 157.27 million pounds, down 26 percent.
- Soybean production - 3.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent.
- Barley production - 209.69 million bushels, up 19 percent.
- Apple production - 10.17 billion pounds, down 11 percent.
- Peach production (including CA Clingstone) - 804,600 tons, down 6 percent.
- Peach production (excluding CA Clingstone) - 498,600 tons, down 4 percent.